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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO  
SAUDI ARABIA

1. FOLLOWING PRESENTS HIGHLIGHTS OF AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PASSAGES FROM EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN COMMUNIST ARABIC LANGUAGE BAGHDAD DAILY TARIQ ASH-SHAAB FOR FEBRUARY 18, 1975: HEADLINE "ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN THE GULF: A NEW PUSH FOR WASHINGTON'S PLANS FOR THE AREA". BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: DR. HENRY KISSINGER USED THE OCCASION OF HIS SWING THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD TO HOLD A MEETING IN RIYADH WITH AMERICAN ABASSADORS RESIDENT IN THE ARABIAN GULF IN ORDER TO STRUCTURE AMERICA'S POLICY IN THE REGION. AN D THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE POINTEDLY INCLUDED IN THIS MEETING THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NORTH YEMEN AND THE HEAD OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN IRAQ EXCLAMATION POINT UNQUOTE.

2. GIST OF NEXT PASSAGE IS THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO CLARITY U.S. GOALS IN AREA AND ORCHESTRATE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THIS VITAL REGION.

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3. EDITORIAL THEN ADDS QUOTE WASHINGTON HAS MADE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS UNDER A VARIETY OF FORMS TO REVITALIZE ITS POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THUS, AFTER THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR A MEETING WAS CONVENED IN TEHRAN OF U.S. AMBASSADORS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HOSED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, RICHARD HELMS, WHO WAS FOR A TIME HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. UNQUOTE.

4. GIST OF REMAINDER OF EDITORIAL IS THAT RIYADH MEETING COMES AFTER WASHINGTON'S THREATS TO OCCUPY OIL FIELDS, MILITARY MANOEUVERS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND VISIT OF U.S. FLEET TO ARABIAN GULF. NOT RPT NOT STRANGE RIYADH WAS CHOSEN AS SITE OF ARRANGING SUCH AN ORCHESTRATION BECAUSE SAUDI ARABIA CURRENTLY PLAYS LEADING ROLE IN ATTACKS ON ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. KISSINGER'S EIGHTH SWING THROUGH AREA HAS PRODUCED NOTHING REALLY NEW VIS-A-VIS THE MAIN ISSUE BUT HAS GIVEN RENEWED STIMULUS TO WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS TO MAKE ARABIAN GULF A FIELD OF ITS ACTIVITIES; A STAGING AREA FROM WHICH IT CAN MOVE AGAINST ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END OF SYNOPSIS OF EDITORIAL.

5. NO RPT NO OTHER BAGHDAD JOURNALS TOUCHED UPON ALLEGED MEETING.  
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